## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

## 1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for measuring a processing ability of a certain cell, said method comprising introducing:

a DNA-encoding a monitor protein that comprises:

a secretory Cypridina noctiluca luciferase;

a processing cleavage region composed of a sequence of 10 to 40 amino acids including a cleavage point Lys-Arg cleaved by a processing enzyme PC1 or PC2, and

a yellow fluorescent protein (YFP)

into the cell, and quantitatively evaluating a change in energy transfer property of the monitor protein.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein said cell is a cell derived from human.

## 18-21. (Cancelled)

- 22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16 wherein the monitor protein is a secretory protein.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16 wherein the processing cleavage region is located between the luminescent protein and the fluorescent protein which constitute the property variable region.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16 wherein the processing cleavage region is SEQKQLQKRFGGFTGG (SEQ ID NO: 3).
- 25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 16 wherein the DNA encoding the monitor protein is represented by a base sequence in SEQ ID NO: 12.

## 26. (Cancelled)